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## RETURNED FIGHTERS MISSIONARIES.

One element which will appear in the coming political campaign in the States is the songs written by the hikers of the distant Philippines, to while away the long hours spent in camp and wardroom. These without exception have catchy refrains, which tell of the horrors of the situation and the desire for the land where there are true Americans. The importance of this element must not be underrated, and it is safe to say that before the leaves begin to turn there will be many a club of returned soldiers singing the homing songs, whose refrains abuse the Philippines.

The homegoing transports have given the people of Honolulu a chance to meet many soldiers and sailors who have turned their faces to the rising sun, with the earnest hope that never again may they be called upon to serve in the Far East. There is without exception almost an expression of disgust on every lip when one asks a veteran what he thinks of the war and the conditions in the islands. The men have seen the quality of the Tagalog and Moro, the Visayan and the Sulu, and they fail to find even a germ of the manhood which makes a good American citizen. This of course speaking generally and making exceptions for the men who have by special study made themselves fit leaders for their people.

Another point is that the American soldier does not like the work. He may give the water cure, he may turn the ants upon the treacherous guide who would lose him in the jungle, but without he does not take to the work with zest, and when it is over it leaves a bad taste in his mouth. They do not want to talk about their experiences, and from the testimony now being adduced before the Senate committee at Washington there is reason. The courts martial which have been ordered by the President will uncover much that the people do not want to hear, but like Americans they will take their nauseous dose and brace up, and the Army will shake itself free from such precedents, and fight as fairly and as humanely as before.

The question then is has the damage been done, for the party in the majority must bear the brunt of criticism of the acts of every portion of the official family. Will the voters take the view of the responsibility which the minority wishes to force upon them? The problems for the Fall are many and will be watched from this distance with more than usual interest.

## LEGISLATORS UNBIASED.

If there is a lesson in the action of Congress in the matter of the fixing of the terms of Senators for this Territory, where the legislature failed to act, it is that there is no bias in the settlement of such matters, but they are approached with a desire to do what seems fair. It was an unfortunate decision, one which can be justified only in the belief that the Home Rulers as a party are entitled to the benefit of their proportionate strength, without taking district lines into consideration, but it has in it perhaps something of assurance for the future, if it is to become a precedent.

From the record there was no weight given to the pleas of policy, to the point urged that the Republican majority should take care of the struggling party here, but with a spirit of desire that the Home Rulers, having a majority in the last Senate, should be entitled to a similar proportion of the holdovers, the members of Congress appear to have approached this matter and settled it. This much then is known, that the next Senate will start off with a majority of the body in the holdovers, and a Home Rule vote of 5 to 3 in that majority. The problem then becomes one of selecting seven Republicans this fall. Congress seems to have felt that the situation is one which can be solved by the Republicans standing together and working, and that seems to be the outlook now.

The status of Hawaiian legislation would indicate that the desire to be eminently fair will govern the legislative branch in its consideration of all matters affecting the islands. Latest reports indicate that there will be no land laws without investigation, that there are to be no local bills which would encroach on the prerogatives of the legislature, and that a commission will be among the visitors here during the recess, which will result in the making known to Congress of many things of which the members have heard only through the statements of persons interested in the schemes placed before them. If through lack of appreciation of conditions Congress has been led into doing the Republican party and particularly the Third Senatorial District an injustice, the spirit which animated the legislation was one which may be invoked in the future to the benefit of the Territory.

Mr. Hogg is mentioned for the next Democratic nomination. Seeing how many Democrats are ready to charge on the feed trough, such a leader ought to get the whole party at his heels. Hurrah for Hogg and Harmony.

There can be no objection to Home Rulers nominating Republicans as was done at Hilo. The more the better. It is when they nominate Home Rulers that the mischief begins.

The custom of letting stock run loose in the suburban streets—bulls especially—is one the poundmaster should discourage, if there is a poundmaster.

## HONOLULU AND THE DRAMA.

The Warde season shows that Honolulu is ready to sustain the higher drama in a princely fashion. The business being done by Mr. Warde's company is nearly double that achieved by the Neills, our last distinguished visitors of the stage, who came with society plays. People who, perhaps, were never before in a theater, have been to see the great dramas presented during the past week and more and have gone away with something new and exhilarating in their blood. They may be depended upon in future to help sustain a stage which is worthy of such patronage.

We count this as meaning much in the sum of things which are good for Honolulu. The way the city has risen to Warde is sure to draw other great actors here. We may ask now for Mansfield and Modjeska and John Drew with some hope of getting them. None of these people would come so far to do a poor business; but the assurance of a good one, which is now conveyed, should not fail to attract them. We ought to be able to have a spring and summer festival of dramatic art. The season is one when theatrical business is slack on the mainland and when actors would like, if they could, to visit a pleasant sea resort and make money at the same time.

If Kilauaea breaks out, as some anticipate, there will be no need of waiting for the Kilauea to know of the fact. The glow on the sky and the fumes in the air, have hitherto apprised Honolulu of the fact.

The anti-trust movement gets a boost whenever a mainlander sees his meat bill.

Some of the howling Gen. Smith left out of Samar he is getting at home.

## YARDLEY DINES WITH BOHEMIANS

Gathered about a long table at the residence of D. G. Camarinos yesterday a number of the bohemians of the city said farewell to R. O. Yardley, the cartoonist of the Advertiser, who leaves in the Alameda for the coast. There were in the company men of the bench, the bar, the pencil and the gridiron, and from first to last the praise of the artist and good wishes for his safe journey and speedy return were on every tongue.

At the head of the table sat the guest of honor, with R. B. Kidd at his side, while at the other end of the board Judge George D. Gear reposed his judicial form, flanked by W. H. Coney. Others present beside the host were D. L. Conkling, Lorette Rockwell, Allan Dunn, George Henshall, F. M. Brooks, A. G. M. Robertson and Chief Steward Clark of the Alameda. The bill of fare was a long one and included all the delicacies of the season, while the rarest of vintages were tapped to supply the places reserved for that portion of the feast.

After the roast the feast of reason began, the host proposing the health of the guest of honor. Mr. Camarinos said that he always loved a bohemian and wished to show his appreciation of the combination of qualities of good fellowship and talent which marked the guest. Mr. Yardley, responding, said that it was a wrench to leave Honolulu, which he had learned to love very dearly, and the men of his association who were the truest of friends. He said he would look forward to returning. Other speeches were made by Judge Gear, and in fact, by each of the guests. The feast consumed the entire afternoon and evening.

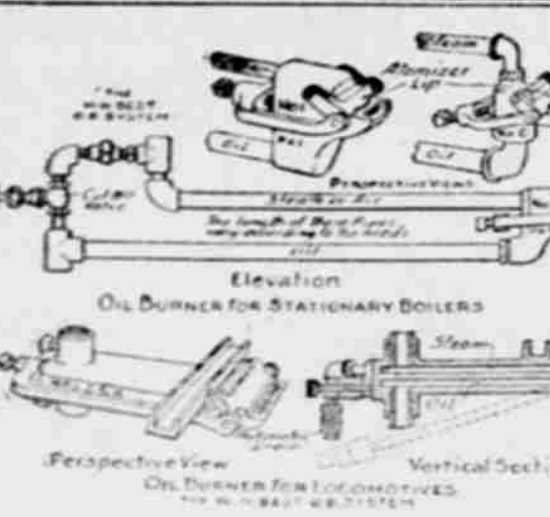
## BROCK AND ADAMS STILL CHAMPIONS

The championship tennis game on Saturday resulted in E. R. Adams and A. T. Brock (P.) defeating A. R. Cunha and A. M. Nowell (B.), 5-7, 6-1, 6-3, 6-4. The winners have now held the championship for four successive years. Cunha and Nowell played brilliant tennis in the first set, but after that they fell to pieces, their opponents playing a steady, nervy game throughout the contest.

The ladies' singles will commence tomorrow and the courts and time of playing will be announced later. Entries close tonight at 5 o'clock. Entries can be made with E. R. Adams, chairman tournament committee, at office of Alexander & Baldwin. Any ladies who are unable to go in person to enter can telephone him or allow some other person to enter for them. Unless there are four entries, there will be no matches.

Ladies' doubles and mixed doubles will follow completion of ladies' singles.

**Chinese New Testament.**  
PRINCETON, N. J., May 9.—A Chinese New Testament of considerable value has been presented to the Theological Seminary library. The book, which is a fac simile of the one recently presented to the Empress Dowager of China and which is probably the only one of its kind in America, was given to the library by Mrs. John Stranoch of Philadelphia. It was presented to her by the British and Foreign Bible Society in recognition of the services of her husband, who translated the New Testament into Chinese. The book is bound in full Morocco and has solid gold clasps. It was published at the University of Oxford.



## MARRIED IN CHURCH AT NOON

Miss Alice Lawrence McCully became the bride of Mr. Francis William Smith at a fashionable wedding on Saturday, the ceremony being performed at high noon in Central Union Church. It was a pretty May wedding, replete with the beauty of flowers. When the solemn words which made the couple man and wife were said by the minister, their vows were made in the presence of friends and well wishers who more than filled the church, which was attractively decorated, lilacs being a conspicuous feature. Rev. William Morris Kincaid officiated at the ceremony, assisted by the Rev. Henry H. Parker of Kalaheo Church.

On the entrance of the bridal party while the noon hour was being told, the "Bridal Chorus" was played on the organ by Professor A. B. Ingalls. The groom, accompanied by his groomsmen, Mr. Albert N. Campbell, entered the stately edifice from the chancel door, and met his bride at the pulpit platform. The latter entered the church at the main portal and was preceded down the aisle by little Miss Helen Spaulding and Master Raphael Lake, who strewn blossoms before her.

The bridesmaids, Miss Ella Thrum, Miss Lily Stokes, Miss Emma Lyons and Miss Sarah Robertson, were a pretty group in white organdie gowns, all wearing cream-colored picture hats and each carrying bouquets of pink and white flowers. They followed the maid of honor, Miss Ada Whitney, who was also prettily gowned in white organdie. The ushers were Mr. Walter Dillingham, Mr. William Love, Mr. Robert Booth and Mr. James Dougherty. Col. William F. Allen gave the bride away. The bride wore a handsome gown of ivory white satin with old point lace, the latter the gift of her mother. Orange blossoms held the veil to the coiffure. She carried a bouquet of lilacs of the valley.

Mrs. McCully-Higgins attended the party, leaning on the arm of Dr. J. M. Whitney. Mrs. McCully wore a black figured grenadine over white satin.

After a wedding breakfast at the Hawaiian Hotel, the bride and groom departed for Wailua by train at 2 o'clock, where the honeymoon will be spent.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. McCully Higgins and the groom is an Ohiaian who has been a resident of Honolulu for the past two years and is the head of the Hawaiian Hotel staff. Mrs. McCully Higgins will leave for Maine about the middle of June.

## VOGEL TURNED SMITH LOOSE

How the Premier Once Did a Good Turn for a Sailor.

"Julius Vogel was a great little man," remarked Kamaaina Robert French. "When I was in the crew of the old steamer Nevada, in the year 1870 or 1871, we had the Premier for a passenger from Honolulu to Auckland. He was liberal and lively and knew everybody and made everybody his friend. He seemed to all of us to be such a genuinely good fellow that I was rather glad when the men of the steward's department made me a committee of one to ask a favor of the star traveler. On the preceding call of the Nevada at Auckland our chief, John Smith, was caught carrying ashore a couple of pounds of tobacco he had purchased at Honolulu. He was promptly tried and sentenced to pay a fine of £50 and spend six months at hard labor. My task was to enlist the sympathy and interfering offices of Julius Vogel. Well, I made the speech of my life in favor of John Smith, telling the Premier what a noble and harmless chap the chief cook really was and how the boys would appreciate the favor if something could be done for him. I told Sir Julius that at San Francisco small smuggling was not considered seriously. The Premier smiled, gave me a little lecture on the sacredness of the law and made some notes. We all believed, somehow, that our cook would be rescued and he was. Two days after the Nevada entered Auckland we were told that if we paid Smith's fine, the remainder of his jail time, about four months, would be remitted. We collected the money at once and Smith, who, by the way, ended his days in Honolulu, was soon with us again. Naturally, all the sailor men swore by Sir Julius thereafter and backed him on every occasion. As that reminiscence man said in The Advertiser yesterday, the Premier was mighty enterprising and far-seeing. He was the first man to be able to borrow money in London to build railways in New Zealand. He always worked hard to improve the steamer service in the Pacific."



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